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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Before the Examiner:
Childs et al. : Peugh, Brian R.
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Serial No.: 10/618,213 : Group Art Unit: 2187
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Filing Date: July 11, 2003 :
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Title: AUTONOMIC : Lenovo (United States) Inc.
NON-INVASIVE BACKUP AND : Building 675
STORAGE APPLIANCE : 4401 Silicon Drive
: Durham, NC 27709

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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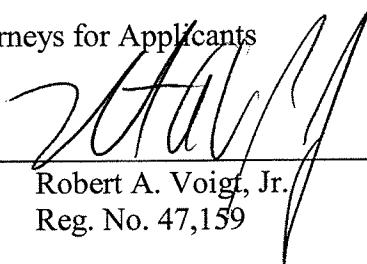
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 27, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 27, 2007, Applicants respectfully reinstate the Appeal Brief filed on August 2, 2006 by filing herewith a second notice of appeal in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §41.31 and filing herewith a complete new Appeal Brief (referred to as the "Second Appeal Brief") in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §41.37. Applicants note that any fees paid for the first notice of appeal and for the first Appeal Brief previously paid will be applied to this second appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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